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<p align="center">Office Action Summary</p>	<p>Application No.</p> <p align="center">10/780,420</p>	<p>Applicant(s)</p> <p align="center">MURAYAMA ET AL.</p>	
	<p>Examiner</p> <p align="center">Shawntina T. Fuqua</p>	<p>Art Unit</p> <p align="center">3742</p>	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McDiarmid et al (US6301434).

McDiarmid et al discloses a heat treatment apparatus for irradiating a substrate comprising a light source (146), a chamber (104) below the light source, a holding member (118), a quartz light shield/liner (164, column 7, lines 16-32), walls (106) are metallic (column 7, lines 16-19), and shield/liner is tubular and covers/seals wall surfaces (column 7, lines 16-32, Figure 1A).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2-11, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McDiarmid et al as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Sajoto et al (US6035101) in view of Mezey, Sr. (US6331212) and Mimura et al (US4567352).

McDiarmid et al discloses all of the recited subject matter except a liner/shield with a roughened surface, a removable shield/liner, and a plurality of flash lamps and assist heating means. Sajoto et al discloses a liner/shield (70, 72) with a roughened surface (column 9, lines 10-16), Mezey, Sr. discloses a removable shield/liner (column 6, line 66-column 7, line 28) and Mimura et al discloses a plurality of flash lamps (5) and an assist heating means (9). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have included the liner/shield with a roughened surface of Sajoto et al, the removable shield/liner of Mezey, Sr. and to have replaced the tungsten-halogen lamps of McDiarmid et al with the flash lamps of Mimura et al and to have included the assist heating means of Mimura et al in the apparatus of McDiarmid because, a light shield/liner protects the interior of the housing and flash lamps and an assist heating means allow the substrate to be uniformly heated.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-11, and 14 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawntina T. Fuqua whose telephone number is (571) 272-4779. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8-4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on (571) 272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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